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To the Editor:

After reading the article by the editor entitled "The U-2 Pilot and the C.I.A." and reading the article opposite it entitled "Powers' 27 Flights," I would like to make a comment concerning these articles.

The editorial says in so many words that maybe the C.I.A., under its Chief Allen Dulles, has too much power. It also says that Congress should set up a watchdog committee to watch over the Central Intelligence Agency.

In the article about Powers' 27 Flights, written by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott, it plainly stated that the information concerning Powers' flights was given by Mr. Dulles to a closely guarded conference of congressional leaders.

Now if the information was secret and given to some congressional leaders in a tightly guarded conference, why, and better yet how did it appear in Mr. Allen's column?

It would seem to me, that the article, "Powers' 27 Flights," would answer your statement about a congressional watchdog to look over and supervise the C.I.A.

I certainly do not know, but I would like to feel that our President and the very top military leaders do know about the main activities of the C.I.A.

Certainly the C.I.A. is a job that every Tom, Dick and Harry should not have a hand in. The very nature of the work should be confined to as few proven, responsible leaders as possible.

I often hear from people that I come in contact with that in matters concerning defense and

the actual survival of this country, too much is published and made known to the public. I heartily agree with this.

Now in the Powers' trial I didn't read anywhere that he admitted that he had made 27 flights over Russia.

From the article "Powers' 27 Flights" by Mr. Allen and Mr. Scott outlining the valuable information obtained by the Powers flights, it may be possible that the Russians have not learned of the many flights by Powers.

It is also possible that the secret information given out by Mr. Dulles, to the highly guarded congressional conference and published by two newspaper men may make a bad situation worse for Mr. Powers.

It seems to me that if any congressional committee should be set up, it should be one to look into, and act on, the leaks to newspapermen and others that publish information of this sort.

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